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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**List of Sections Forming Part of This  
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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1.    ☒ Preliminary Statements
2.    ☒ Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)
3.    ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4.    ☒ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

- 5.    ☐    Cumulative Patents or Publications
- 6.    ☒    Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement
- 7.    ☐    Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
  - 7A.   ☐    EPO Search Report
  - 7B.   ☐    English Language Version
- 8.    ☐    Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
- 9.    ☐    Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (Optional)
- 10.   ☒    Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

## **Section 1.            Preliminary Statements**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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## **Section 2.            Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)**

- ☒ A completed Form PTO/SB/08A and/or Form PTO/SB/08B is attached hereto.

**Section 3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications (Information Not Listed in Form PTO-1449)**

**Section 4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted**

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 09/981,022, filed on October 16, 2001 (date).

*(complete the following, if applicable)*

[ ] This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore, are not required to be provided in this application:

**Section 5. Cumulative Patents or Publications**

STATEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ is cumulative of the following patents or publications listed on Form PTO-1449:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c), a copy of only \_\_\_\_ is being submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement.

## **Section 6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement**

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

☒ Exception(s) to above:

☒ Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.

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## **Section 7. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items**

### **Section 7A. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items - EPO Search Report**

The relevance with respect to the following citations listed on Form PTO-1449:

is submitted on the basis of accompanying:

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☐ EPO search report that is in the English language,

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### **Section 7B. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items - English Language Version of EPO Search Report**

## **Section 8. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents**

- ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the following foreign language patents, publications or information or of those portions of those patents, publications or information considered to be material:

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- ☐ No English language translations of the foreign language parents, publications or information or parts thereof are readily available, except for those listed above.
- ☐ The following foreign language documents submitted are believed to be the equivalent or substantial equivalent of the English language documents identified below, which are also submitted herewith.

## **Section 9. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (OPTIONAL)**

## **Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The person making this statement is the agent/attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

- ☐ supplied by the inventor(s)
- ☐ supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)).
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